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Students ‘kick off’ sexual assault awareness fundraiser

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Omega Phi Alpha’s kickball tournament for “It’s On Us” is just one of many events on USC’s campus in April in recognition of Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

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The Greene Street fields resembled a middle school playground Friday afternoon as over 150 people and four dogs showed up to play kickball and raise money to prevent sexual assault.

The service sorority Omega Phi Alpha held this event as a part of the “It’s On Us” initiative started by the Obama administration as a way to encourage college students to have a discussion about bystander accountability — understanding consent and

acting in situations when consent is not possible — and its importance in preventing sexual assault.

“Basically it’s about the little things every individual can do to keep each other safe; it says it’s on all of us to prevent sexual assaults,” event organizer Cassie Coleman said.

Coleman, a fourth-year political science student, decided to organize the “It’s On Us” kickball tournament after hearing about their national Week of Action, which encourages campuses to host events. Omega Phi

Alpha worked with Student Government to promote the event. Tradeversity also sponsored the event, donating \$1 to Sexual Trauma Services of the Midlands for each app download. Coleman saw firsthand the positive impact STSM can have after bringing a close friend who had been sexually assaulted to the hospital last semester.

“An advocate from Sexual Trauma Services of the Midlands and another from USC’s Sexual Assault and Violence Intervention and Prevention came and sat with

us the whole day while we waited for a forensic nurse. The only nurse on call that day was with another survivor when we arrived, so we had to wait over five hours for my friend to be seen,” Coleman said. “She probably would not have stayed that long if the advocates hadn’t been with us, and I think the intensity of the reporting process is something so many people don’t understand. So this April, this Sexual Assault Awareness Month, I was determined to do my part in talking to people about what consent is, what assault is, and

where to find resources in the community for survivors.”

The tournament included two brackets, and the 16 teams raised approximately \$400 for STSM. Coleman and Omega Phi Alpha were very excited about the turnout and could see it becoming an annual project.

“There’s so much potential for growth and we can only spread more awareness! I’m graduating this semester, but some sisters already asked me for thoughts on making it better next year!” Coleman said.

Project Condom encourages open communication



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Groups were allowed up to 6,000 condoms to make their outfits with.

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Student Health Services’ Project Condom used condom races, condom outfits and a “Chat Before You Chill” question panel to spread information

about sexual topics on Saturday.

While most of the event was dedicated to a question panel of “sexperts,” the event also included a fashion show of condom outfits, a race to see which volunteer could put on a condom properly the quickest and several

demonstrations on how to use female condoms.

The panel was made up of Frank W. Anderson, pastor at Lutheran Campus Ministries; Sarah Wright, a counselor and sex therapist at USC’s Counseling and Psychiatry Center; Quinyana Brown, a graduate student who frequently works in sex-related topics; and Shannon Nix, associate director of Sexual Assault and Violence Intervention and Prevention.

Members of the audience submitted questions anonymously, and the “sexperts” took turns reading questions aloud and giving their answers.

What are symptoms of HIV?

Anderson: Generally speaking, it’s not 100 percent noticeable, but about six to eight weeks after transmission, you will have flu-like or cold-like symptoms, possibly, possibly not. You may not even notice them, but that really is the only way that anybody knows that they might have gotten an HIV infection ... The only way to know for sure if you’re HIV positive is to be tested.

Does birth control protect against STDs?

Anderson: Depends on what birth control you’re using ... Basically anything

that’s a barrier method will protect you from STDs. But keep in mind, even with barrier methods, there are STDs that are virulent and sometimes not detected when you’re involved in the sexual act.

From the intimidated boyfriend: I’ve tried to have sex with my significant other multiple times, but because she’s a virgin and complains of low pain tolerance, it’s difficult for us to physically complete the act of penetration. Suggestions?

Wright: Sexual pain is actually really, really common in women. Partly it’s because when we get nervous, one of the things we do is what? We tense up ... We don’t have this external cue that men have, and so with foreplay, a lot of times, women need a good 15 to 20 minutes before they are physiologically ready for sex. So that’s one of the things that lube can do, but I think another big part of it is just the mental anticipation.

The more relaxed I am, the more aroused I’m going to get, and the more able I would be for penetration. So I think the other thing, too, is to

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April

Dates to know

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Skill Builder Workshop:
Effective Communication
Leadership and Service Center 1 p.m.

Deadline to apply for Leadership
and Service team

Deadline to apply for Alternative
Break Council or Trip Leader

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Skill Builder Workshop:
Team/Roles Development
Leadership and Service Center 4:15 p.m.

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Healthy Carolina Farmers Market
Greene Street 9:30 a.m.
Clothesline Project: T-shirt Painting
Greene Street 9:30 a.m.

Skill Builder Workshop:
Officer Transitions
Leadership and Service Center 2:40 p.m.

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Deadline to apply for Service
Saturday Site Leader

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Gatekeeper Suicide Prevention Training
Leadership and Service Center 1 p.m.
Skill Builder Workshop: Tips for Retreats
Russell House 203 4:30 p.m.

Deadline to apply for Impact
Weekly Trip Leader or Van Driver

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Service Saturday
Davis Field 8:30 a.m.

Indie South Fair makes South Carolina debut



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The Indie South Fair, which got its start in Athens, Georgia, visited Columbia over the weekend to sell unique, handmade items.

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Spring is the perfect time for exploring open-air markets such as the Indie South Fair, which brought unique, handmade products to Columbia this weekend. Although this was the fair's first visit to South Carolina, it provided another opportunity for the local community to come together in what will hopefully become a tradition.

Serra Branyon, event coordinator and entrepreneur, created Indie South Fair in 2006 in Athens, Georgia.

"My inspiration came from being

a vendor myself at events around the country. I started out with a tiny boutique selling my line of apparel and accessories as well as others' work in 2002," Branyon said. "As I traveled the country to events, I realized that Athens, Ga needed our own marketplace for artists, so I started Indie South Fair."

Branyon has since expanded Indie South Fair to other areas in the southeast and hopes to expand to states such as Alabama and North Carolina. The fair featured all kinds of small businesses and products, most of them local or

from places close to South Carolina.

Some businesses participating in the Indie South Fair included Oak Leaf Pottery, Twenty Two West hand-woven jewelry, Roar Haus bags and Pale Blue Dot Soap Co. Products sold at the fair included handmade jewelry, lamps made from various household items and vintage clothing. Each company had its own unique brand, and the products sold at the Indie South Fair exhibited the authentic feel.

"I do weavings, and I try to do them a little differently from what you would traditionally see," said Mary

Hamby, the artist behind Twenty Two West. "So I build them on reclaimed wood and I weave in pieces of pottery that I make and gild and then I use all responsibly sourced fibers. For the jewelry, I weave those all on a miniature loom and it incorporates the gold pottery as well, as a way to wear weaving."

Besides the vendors selling their products, the Indie South Fair had food trucks, live music performances and a tintype portrait photographer.

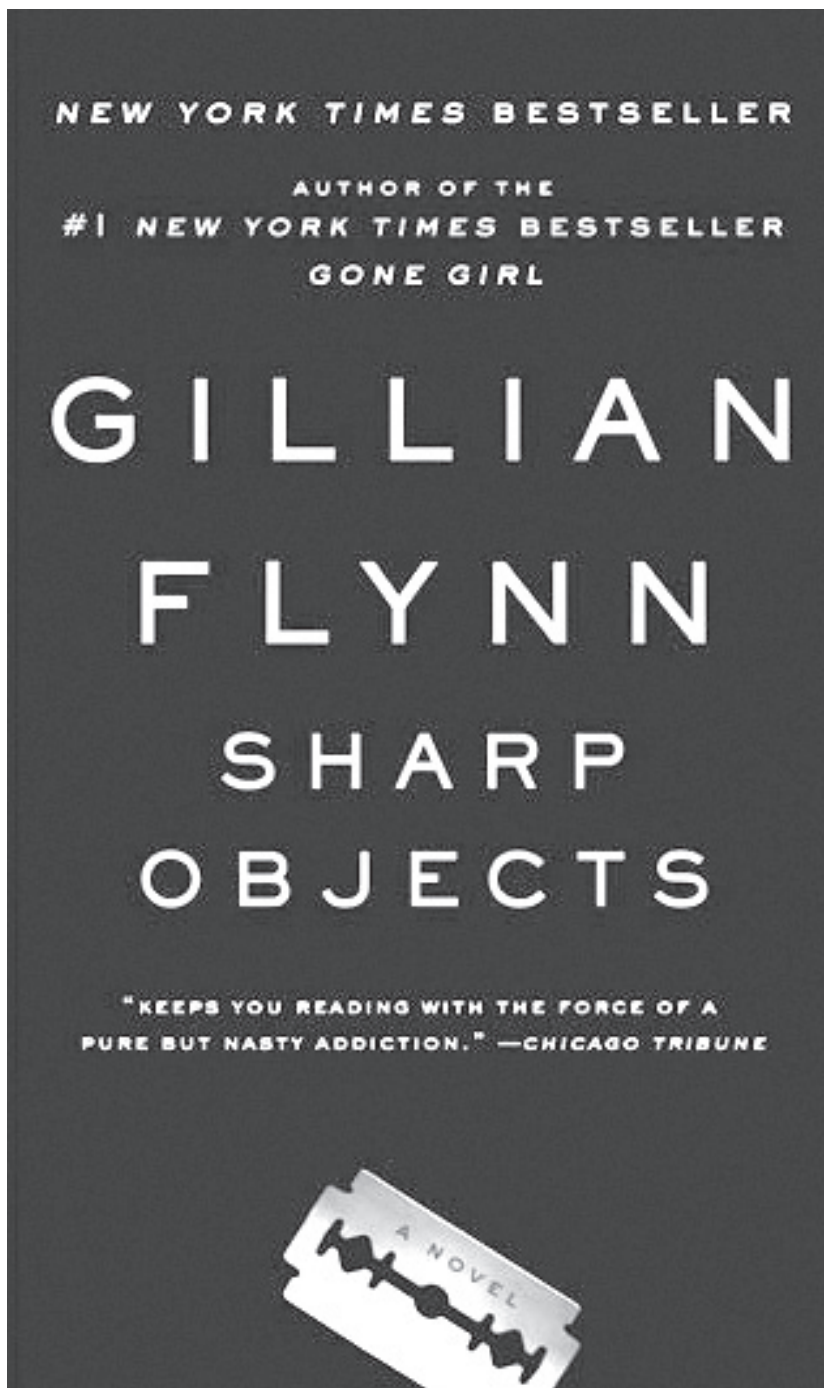
The vendors at the Indie South Fair are a tight-knit group of creative entrepreneurs

who promote and support each other. Many of the vendors travel with the Indie South Fair for multiple weekends, which shows how dedicated some of these business owners truly are.

Aimee Deeds of Pale Blue Dot Soap Co. is one of these business owners.

"We were doing this for a little while around Athens and some smaller town festivals and it wasn't going so well, and then we did our first Indie South Fair and it was really great," Deeds said. "And we were like 'Oh, we found our people.' This is our tribe."

Author Spotlight: Gillian Flynn



Courtesy of Broadway Books

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If you're into crime and solving mysteries, Gillian Flynn's novels are for you. Flynn is an American author who has written three top-selling novels — "Sharp Objects," "Dark Places" and "Gone

Girl" — and a short story, "The Grownup," which was released in 2015 as a standalone book. Her books have spent over 300 weeks total on the New York Times best-seller list and have received much acclaim. Read on to learn more about

these three novels.

"Sharp Objects" tells the story of Camille Preaker, a crime journalist who visits her small hometown with an assignment to cover the murder of two preteen girls. During her stay, Preaker begins

uncovering clues that may ring a little too close to home — literally and figuratively. While facing her own psychological battles, Preaker continues to cover the story of the closely linked murders, unraveling the mystery of who is really behind the death of these two girls.

"Sharp Objects" is a book that keeps the reader engrossed. The characters are well thought out and unique — each with underlying traits that add to the plot. Although it is gory at times, this can be expected from any murder-mystery novel.

"Dark Places" is a murder mystery following the story of Libby Day, whose mother and two sisters were mysteriously murdered one night in what became known as "The Satan Sacrifice of Kinnakee, Kansas." Libby Day escapes, but her brother Ben Day is found guilty and thrown in jail.

The story begins 25 years later when a club that investigates mysterious murders reaches out to Libby Day and suggests that Ben Day might not be the murderer. Libby Day begins to get more involved with trying to solve the case, and as she begins to unravel the mysterious case,

an unimaginable truth emerges.

"Dark Places" is full of cunning detail and characters, each with their own unique narratives of what exactly happened that night. Switching character perspectives between chapters keeps the readers guessing what's going to happen in each story line, ultimately connecting them in the end.

"Gone Girl" The day of Amy and Nick Dunne's fifth wedding anniversary, Nick Dunne gets a call at work that their cat is out and comes home to find their front door open and his wife missing. With no lead on what has happened, he begins getting seriously questioned by the police. As searches start for Amy, Nick finds a series of clues left by his wife — an anniversary tradition of theirs. With the town against him, he must make sense of her disappearance.

New York Times best-seller "Gone Girl" is deserving of the 37 weeks it spent on top the best-seller list. The cunning plot that Flynn crafted makes this novel a standout among other mystery novels — a devious, riveting thriller that will keep readers on the edges of their seats.

Dress
like an
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Olivia Pope



Courtesy of ABC

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Olivia Pope, the main character of ABC's "Scandal," is the quintessential strong, independent, successful woman — an inspiration to many. Pope, played by Kerry Washington, is the first female African American lead in a network TV drama since 1974. Olivia Pope is a fixer who fiercely fights for her clients and cares deeply for her friends. Along with her admirable personality is her neutral, fabulous and simplistic style. Learn to dress like Olivia Pope and you just might gain the confidence to tackle the world the way she does.

All about the white

White is the defining feature of Olivia Pope's wardrobe. Whether it's with a blouse, a coat or a pantsuit, she always makes sure to incorporate white into her outfits. While this may seem like a simple, or even bland, choice, it makes a world of difference. For example, instead of wearing a traditional black blazer or peacoat, wear a white one instead. This is a simple, unique change to a classic look.

Also, keep in mind that a white accent does not always have to be paper-white — cream whites serve the same purpose. The distinction between these two relies on whether you are aiming for a cool or a warm tone — Olivia Pope tends to gravitate toward warm, creamy whites.

Loose bottoms

Pantsuits are common in Olivia Pope's wardrobe, with either a matching white set or a white blouse and complimentary black bottoms. Her loose, flowing pants are her most distinguishable bottoms. Even when Olivia Pope is lounging around her apartment, she does not wear typical sweatpants. Rather, she wears loose, white silk pants. When she works, she often wears a similar version of these loose pants, but with more of a professional look. Loose pants — in either white or black — are the perfect cross-over between comfortable, professional and flattering. Pair these with a black heel, and you will be ready to strut the streets of Washington, D.C., like Olivia Pope.

Classic hair and makeup

Olivia Pope's hairstyles transition throughout the seasons, from loose, glamorous curls to a straight, sleek look, with only one slight wave in the front. Both hairstyles are professional, polished and relatively simple to achieve. For the curlier look, take a one- to two-inch curler and curl thick sections of your hair, sealing them with hairspray. For the straighter hairstyle, straighten all of your hair except for the section framing your face on the side of your part. For this section, straighten this chunk while simultaneously turning the straightener in a rotation going away from your face. This will give your hair one loose wave framing your face.

Olivia Pope's makeup is neutral and simple. She typically wears a few coats of mascara and warm eyeshadow, as well as a thin layer of foundation and bronzer.

No-nonsense attitude

Olivia Pope's no-nonsense attitude is the most crucial part of her character. She is a headstrong woman who always aims to wear the metaphorical "white hat" — meaning that she always tries to help the morally correct side of an issue. She is fiercely and unapologetically confident about both herself and the choices that she makes. To complete the Olivia Pope look, exude confidence and take no nonsense when you face any obstacle in life.

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be sure you're both ready for penetration. If she's not ready, and she's thinking, 'Well, he really wants to and if I don't, then —,' that sentence shouldn't be able to be finished. If I don't, then we don't, and we actually do just watch Netflix and chill.

So it takes a little bit of practice, it takes a little time, it takes a little patience. Make sure you're both ready, and talk the whole time.

Can condoms ever be used to improve sex?

Brown: I would say without a doubt, yes ... There's different materials. There's different textures. There's ribbed, there's studded, so you definitely have a lot of options in regards to that, and they can definitely be used to improve the sexual act.

If me and my partner have sex all the time, how do I tell my partner I don't want it tonight?

Nix: It's pretty simple, and it's not at the same time, right? ...

In order for sex to be great and awesome, and that's what I want it to be for whoever's having it with whomever, you have to talk. You have to have communication ... That's going to make it even better. And I want you to be having these conversations before you even start having sex and going down that road. That's just so important.

Wright: One of the things I think about when couples say, "I don't want sex tonight," is then they assume we could do nothing. I don't feel like having sex, therefore don't touch me and stay 3 feet away. Well, that's not very good either, right? If you're wanting to be intimate, you want to be close, so it's like couples don't really get creative about what else can we do ... It doesn't have to be all or nothing."

How kinky is too kinky?

Anderson: First of all, nothing is too kinky if you both agree to it and it's been communicated ... Kinky is really a matter of what you bring into the

relationship and both people are communicating and looking at what that pleasure point is for them in terms of the sexual connection, then kinky takes on a whole different definition.

Sometimes I last too long, other times seemingly not long enough. What gives?

Wright: Part of it is practice and knowing your body and knowing also that muscular control ... For guys, if you learn to control them, when you tighten those muscles, it will actually back up your ejaculate, and it gives you more control over orgasm ... For a guy who thinks he's lasted too long, one really basic question of how long is too long, because that's really a partner question.

What's your go-to sex tip?

Brown: My sex tip would be do you ... When it comes to sex, when you allow others to kind of determine what you do, what you desire, what you think is acceptable, it really kills it.

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Christians are not oppressed



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This column is a response to the column “Freedom of religion under attack” that ran Wednesday.

Mr. Wilson:
I ordinarily don’t respond to columns. But I believe you might be in need of a quick lesson in case law, a clarification of my original point and some perspective on what real oppression might look like.

To start with, you claim that Christianity in America is under attack. You give several examples of people attacking it, President Barack Obama, former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, Hollywood, corporations and sports leagues among them. Forgive me if I have a hard time believing those people are aiming to stamp out your freedom to live a Christian life.

President Obama has spoken about being born again. Hillary Clinton is a Methodist. NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell and many people in Hollywood are married to Christians. So the people you claim are out to get you either share your faith or are married to people who would be caught up in the persecution.

Now let’s look at the more nebulous collective of “liberals” you cite as trying to curtail your freedom. While congressional Democrats aren’t unanimously Christian, as the Republican delegation is, over 80 percent of their members profess to hold the same faith as you. In 2012, every state but Oregon, Delaware and Vermont had a Christian governor. That includes most blue states. In effect, you’re claiming the Democrats are moving in lockstep against 80 percent of their representatives.

But the real problem is that an activist Supreme Court has been trampling believers and kowtowing to the homosexual agenda, right? Well, a majority of the justices are Catholic.

If you’re mad about the business community persecuting believers, your argument is both wrong and contradictory. In essence, you’re arguing that businesses owned by Christians can deny service to whomever they want, but businesses with different values can’t make political statements. The comparison

also doesn’t work on a practical level. Christian business owners want to deny service to groups of people they don’t like; larger corporations are just threatening to move to states with a better business climate.

As far as I can tell, if Christians are oppressed in America, it means that many believers have either been duped or manipulated into voting against their own rights or, at least, not stopping the discrimination against their own churches.

In a different vein, you also got your case law a little bit muddled. Yes, the Supreme Court has acknowledged limits on the freedom of speech guaranteed in the First Amendment. Yes, courts have ruled that freedom of religion can’t be used to imperil the life of another. But they went a bit further. Until the 1980s, case law held that religious freedom wasn’t protected under the Constitution if it burdened anyone else; even refusing to work on the Sabbath wasn’t protected because other workers had to pick up the slack. Then Justice Scalia drastically curtailed religious liberty in his majority opinion, prompting Congress and many states to pass laws bringing back the old, narrow protections. That was the law Bill Clinton signed and Hillary Clinton approved of.

It wasn’t meant to cover the “rights” that Christians are demanding today in state legislatures and the judicial system. You mention a group of nuns who are suing the administration because they don’t want to provide birth control to employees. That’s actually a mischaracterization. They already don’t have to provide birth control under the *Burwell v. Hobby Lobby* ruling. Instead, they simply have to file a form with the government that says they won’t provide it, and another insurance company will pick up the tab and provide it. Church money doesn’t pay for birth control, and no woman has their right to health care restricted. Contrary to what you suggested, there isn’t a conflict between those rights at all.

However, the nuns believe that filing the form means they become complicit with their employees getting access to birth control. What the good Christians want is the right to keep their employees from gaining access to a medical treatment they object to even if it’s provided by a third party with no money or involvement from a religious organization.

But what we’re really talking about was the slew of

laws legalizing discrimination against LGBT people or legislating away trans people’s bathroom rights. According to your argument, those are meant to protect the rights of Christians to live their lives.

How does it really hurt your life to be forced to sell products to people who pay for them? And if your morals are more important than money, why are you working in a for-profit business to begin with? You could always just work for a church that’s already broadly protected by the First Amendment. Instead, the laws you are defending are meant to ensure that Christians can enjoy the many protections the government gives to them in the free market while ignoring the protections of others.

And make no mistake: People are getting hurt. Let’s look at the trans community. A staggering percentage of trans people simply can’t find work or housing, in part due to the laws you are defending. When trans women go to prison, they usually end up in a men’s facility where most are raped, held in solitary confinement or both. Oh, and since many trans people end up with no other option than (illegal) survival sex work and many trans people have been arrested for no reason at all, the prison situation is somehow even more horrifying.

I could go on. I could tell you about a trans man who died a preventable death from ovarian cancer after several doctors refused to see him. Or how bathroom laws like the one proposed in South Carolina facilitate bullying of trans youth. Or how the laws block trans women, who face high rates of domestic violence, from women’s shelters. Or how you can forcibly strip a trans woman, beat her to death because of who she is and plead innocent because you were so upset by her gender.

That is real oppression. That is the denial of a right to live your life. And it happens in your country while you look the other way. Mr. Wilson, I urge you to stop playing the victim. I urge you to take a moment this Sunday and look up at the likeness of a man who was arrested and beaten and killed by religious authorities. Then you can go back to defending the legislators enabling arrests and beatings and killings in the name of that very same man.

Monday, those legislators will use their blood-stained hands to hoist a Bible high and make their oppression known. Will you join them once more?

Sanders’ financial plans impractical



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In the U.S., the Democratic Party has become known as the party of compassion, of caring. It is perceived as the advocate of the unsung and downtrodden. It makes an effort to win over demographics that have been historically marginalized or oppressed and champion their causes.

However, there is one crucial group that the Democratic Party has consistently and thoroughly thrown under the bus — the unborn. Don’t stop reading this because you think this is about abortion. That is not the main thrust of this article. We also do a disservice to those not yet born by acting in a way that ignores those that will come after us. It is shortsighted and reckless to pursuing policy goals meant to improve the lives of those currently alive without considering that they may have negative effects on the next generation is shortsighted and reckless.

This failure of the left has been brought into sharp focus by the rise of Sen. Bernie Sanders, who has amassed widespread enthusiasm and support by claiming that what America really needs is more government services, programs and spending. As evidenced by Sanders’ recent surge against the more moderate former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, it is a popular message.

And it is easy to see why. We, the 99 percent, will apparently receive more health care, education and Social Security benefits without any additional cost to ourselves — the people who already have more money than they know what to do with will pay for it. It’s a win-win, a no-brainer. At least for those with no more than a rudimentary understanding of economic principles.

It’s been said often enough that “there’s no such thing as a free lunch” and that Americans do not really expect the government to pull dollars from thin air. That’s where the promises to make the rich pay their fair share and tax the exchange of stocks come in. Because their candidate promises that this will be an effective solution for paying for the greatly expanded

government spending, the dazzled masses can rest in the blissful ignorance of whether it actually breaks even. But non-partisan analyses show that his proposed policies would lead to, at the very least, a \$2 trillion deficit over the next 10 years and possibly up to a \$15 trillion deficit. To put this in perspective, the U.S. government currently holds \$19 trillion in debt from the first 227 years of its existence. Sanders’ proposed spending increases would represent a rapid acceleration in the growth of our already menacingly high national debt.

Because this is the way that countries around the world are currently behaving, not many Americans are truly alarmed by the size of the national debt. But if we were to consider that it now represents more than \$150,000 per taxpayer, more than double the debt of only 12 years ago, perhaps we would experience a more appropriate level of anxiety.

It’s only common sense that we can’t go on adding to our debt forever. There will eventually come a day in which we will be asked to pay back what we owe. And it’s not going to be a great day for those future Americans. But since we the living are barely inconvenienced by the mounting debt, we are barely motivated to address the problem. And those who support Sanders are apparently not content with our already-steady rate of deficit spending. They are determined that the government should provide more services than ever before to the current generation, apparently without reference to long-term sustainability.

Sanders’ promises to expand government spending to help even more people overlook the welfare of the unborn, a crucial demographic that is being indirectly hurt by uncontrolled spending. It’s time to consider that the rosy immediate future Sanders speaks of will not be so rosy in the long haul and that someone is going to have to pay for our fiscal irresponsibility. As Marco Rubio warned, “We’re on the verge of being the first generation of Americans that leave our children worse off than ourselves.”

I pray that this is not the case, but if we continue to act politically as if the present is all there is and vote for candidates who cater only to the immediate desires of their electorate without considering the long-term effects of their actions, then that generation is not so very far ahead.

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Aries

Avoid controversy and drama today. Get into a writing or research project, somewhere peaceful. File and organize documents. Play music to stimulate creativity. Realize practical plans, step by step.

Taurus

Reach for low-hanging fruit. There's a profitable opportunity for one who's willing to go for it. Get support from your team if you need. Closely monitor the budget. Pool resources for mutual gain.

Gemini

Provide leadership. Harness extra energy in pursuit of a personal dream. Test the limits of your idea. Learn from natural observation. Consider design, style and image. Envision getting what you want.

Cancer

Keep a low profile. Something you try doesn't work. Modify old rules for new circumstances. Private work in a peaceful setting soothes. Look at the bigger picture, considering logic as well as emotion.

Leo

Get team feedback before launching an effort. Little mistakes can have big consequences. Accept constructive criticism and make recommended corrections. You're gaining points with someone you admire.

Virgo

New professional opportunities and ideas percolate. Favor private settings over public. Someone who needs your attention could disrupt your schedule. Delegate nonessential tasks.

Libra

An outing or adventure calls, even if it's just downtown. News affects your decisions. Take time to assimilate it before reacting. Consider the consequences of your plan. Make advance reservations.

Scorpio

Play together without taking risks, financial or otherwise. Pay bills and basic expenses. Give away stuff you no longer need and free space. Save money and pack a picnic rather than eating out.

Sagittarius

Compromise with your partner on a creative project. Make adjustments. Give and take. Don't evade the tough questions. Reaffirm a commitment. Collaborate on practical details and share the winnings.

Capricorn

There's extra work available, if you can take it. Speed up the tempo. Get advice, but make your own decisions. Keep your wits about you. Ride out the storm.

Aquarius

Invite friends over and get sucked into a fascinating game. Relax and play together. Don't fall for a trick. Cutting corners costs you. Keep your objective in mind. Discover hidden treasure.

Pisces

Make your home more comfortable. Plan and plot. Put it on paper first before you commit funds. Make sure your family is on board with the idea. Bribe them with something delicious.

Crossword

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1 Album with the hit "Mamma Mia"
5 They won't last
9 Little bits
14 Combat with seconds
15 Sashimi fish
16 Shinto temple gateway
17 Look like a wolf
18 Roadside sign for sticklers?
20 Bar round
22 One may be restricted
23 Bar staple
24 Blood-typing letters
25 Priest in 1 Samuel
28 Yacht club hanging
29 Homer's father, on "The Simpsons"
30 Lower-class bovine?
33 Blue stuff
34 Church cheers
35 "Respect" songwriter
36 "Tarzan" character at an Imax?
39 Jazzy style
41 "The Return of the Native" heroine ___ Vye
45 Comparative word
46 Coat waterproofing application?
48 Macklemore's genre
49 Bernina Range peak
50 Bojangles' art
51 Jeanne d'Arc, e.g.: Abbr.
52 Blotter letters
53 Boxy transports
55 Fix permanently
57 Spiders' talent show?
61 Mata ___
63 Lollapaloozas
64 Present day, for short
65 Land west of Nod, in Genesis
66 Tuckered out
67 Vacation sub
68 Like a doormat

DOWN

1 Fuss
2 Cause of worry
3 Air delivery method?
4 On the quieter side
5 Fashion plate
6 Mimic
7 Opening word?
8 Rose of ___
9 Rose oil
10 ___ screen: medical test
11 Art requiring a folder
12 Airport transport
13 Ring seal
19 Unlike Oscar Madison
21 "Already caught that film!"
24 Weimar word of woe
26 Turner on a screen
27 "Winning ... ___ all-the-time thing": Lombardi
31 Missionary's concern
32 Starlike flower
33 Bargain
35 Recorded, in a way
37 A moment ago

38 Like Phileas Fogg during much of his journey
39 Overhaul
40 Fit
42 Dishwasher brand
43 Trisected
44 Bolted
45 Fishes, in a way
46 Aref may throw one
47 "Right after this show ..."
49 Captain's order

54 "___ here"
56 Classic 1954 horror film whose title creatures have invaded this puzzle
58 Many a bon mot
59 '60s arena
60 1/48 cup: Abbr.
62 Cartridge contents



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	3			5				4
		8						
		4	6			1		
9		1	7		5			

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Complete the grid so each row, column AND 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9.

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McIlwain shines, defense struggles



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Brandon McIlwain, center, was the second-leading rusher on the Black team with 19 yards and a touchdown. Rod Talley led them with 29 yards on the ground.

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It's that time of the year. Well, it's almost that time of the year. Football season gave us a tease of its scandalous ankles Saturday when South Carolina had its annual Garnet and Black spring game.

The Black team dominated the whole game, probably because most of the predicted first team was on the Black team. They won against the Garnet team 35-14.

Fan base eager to see what Muschamp and staff can do

With head coach Will Muschamp's hire came two different camps. One side

loved the hire of the fiery coach who prides himself on bringing in big name recruits. The other side denounced him and his ways, claiming he ruined Florida's program in his four seasons there.

But in the spring game, it seemed as though fans were excited about the new coach and his staff. With an official attendance of 32,916 fans cheered when there was a pass down the middle for 35 yards and groaned when a defender missed a tackle. While the attendance doesn't stack up to the Alabama or Tennessee spring games, which garner over 60,000 in their spring scrimmages, it is an improvement from the 22,580 from last year.

McIlwain has something special

On the first possession of the game, freshman Brandon McIlwain started at quarterback. And he played like a starter. He commanded the offense down the field on his second possession, didn't try to force passes and made mature decisions that aren't expected from a true freshman.

On one play in particular, McIlwain used his legs on a third-and-long in the first quarter. The defense put pressure on him, forcing him to step up and take off down field. About three defenders had a chance to tag him (quarterbacks only need to be touched to be down in spring games), but he juiced them all out and picked up the first down. He needs

to be a pass-first quarterback, yet his speed and elusiveness add a dimension for opponents to think about when trying to defend him.

If he has impressed people already, think about what he can do when he isn't splitting time with baseball and has a full playbook available.

Defensive line and secondary looked weak

Yes, seniors Skai Moore, Jordan Diggs, Darius English — all of whom are considered definite starters and impact players — missed the game due to injuries. But there were missed tackles which led to extra yardage, wide open receivers and only a handful of quarterback pressures. From top to bottom, the defense lacked a buzz or cohesiveness.

Thankfully, defense is coach Muschamp's specialty.

With that being said, two players stood out. Redshirt senior Rico McWilliams held his own at cornerback, battling redshirt sophomore Deebo Samuel all afternoon. He covered him well and had two breakups. Sophomore Boosie Whitlow also had a good day at his "buck" position — essentially a defensive lineman that lines up in the linebacker position. He had two sacks, something South Carolina severely missed in 2015.

Based on the spring game, there are still plenty of questions that won't be answered until the season actually starts, but the team showcased some of their newfound talent and schemes.

Gamecocks hang onto 4-3 lead to defeat Vols

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The No. 6 Gamecock baseball team picked up the win on Sunday with some timely hitting and a patchwork performance from the pitching staff to complete the three game sweep of the Tennessee Volunteers. With the victory, the Gamecocks stand alone atop the SEC with a record of 28-5 (10-2 in conference).

Sophomore outfielder Alex Destino had a pinch hit RBI single in the bottom of the eighth inning to give the Gamecocks a 4-3 lead with a great piece of hitting. Destino's hit scored Dom Thompson-Williams from second base after Thompson-Williams had reached on a fielder's choice followed by stealing a bag. It was Destino's first at bat since last weekend when he suffered an injury while catching a ball running into the outfield fence at Vanderbilt.

Junior closer Josh Reagan entered in the ninth inning and miraculously worked out of a bases-loaded-with-no-out jam. He forced a grounder back to the mound and struck out two Tennessee batters, double the amount of Tennessee batters who had struck out previously in the game. It was Reagan's 10th save of the year.

"I try to keep the emotions out of it because when I start thinking too much, that's when I start throwing balls," Reagan said.

Holbrook complemented whole team's ability to perform in the clutch.

Freshman Adam Hill made his eighth start of the season on Sunday for the Gamecocks and pitched well over 5 1/3 innings. Despite not having his best command — only

1 K, 4 HBP's — Hill worked out of several sticky situations and allowed just three runs. Junior reliever Reed Scott came in with the bases loaded in the sixth inning and worked out of the jam without a runner crossing home plate. Tyler Johnson entered in the seventh and pitched two scoreless innings before yielding to Reagan.

The Gamecocks have depended heavily so far this season on their three weekend starters, Clark Schmidt, Braden Webb and Hill with an average ERA of 2.27, and closer Josh Reagan who has a 0.31 ERA. The Gamecocks likely cannot travel the road to Omaha successfully unless they find more than four pitchers they can trust. Today's game was a step in the right direction for the Gamecock staff, but still expect some younger Gamecock pitchers to see action in midweek games in the coming weeks as Chad Holbrook continues to search for more capable arms out of the bullpen.

Another possible area of improvement for Carolina is at catcher. Despite being hot at the plate this season, the catchers have been lax defensively. Chris Cullen, the primary catcher for the Gamecocks, has allowed 17 stolen bases on 24 attempts, and backup catcher John Jones has allowed 4 runners to steal on 6 attempts.

At 28-5, the Gamecocks have a winning formula, but relief pitching and defense behind the plate are two things that could hold this team back later in the season if solutions cannot be found.

The Gamecocks will now prepare for a big matchup on Tuesday against the No. 10 UNC Tarheels in Charlotte.



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